

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GEORGIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance was created to build an alliance of professionals with various skill sets to build Green sustainable communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, Mr. Derold McIver, BB&T's CRA/Community Development, and many others held its first meeting of the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance on November 5, 2010; and

Whereas, this unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve integrity, advocate for the betterment of citizens as it relates to Economic Development, Housing Development, Education and Healthcare; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance consists of members from the Not For Profit Sector, For Profit Sector, Commercial Lenders, Corporations, Government, Educational Institutions and many more; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance for their outstanding service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim December 8, 2010 as Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2010.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, each year on April 24, we gather to honor the memory of those lives that were destroyed in the events of the Armenian Genocide. Because this year a Congressional recess coincided with that date, I take the opportunity today to commemorate the atrocious acts of genocide that occurred 96 years ago.

It is notable that today also happens to be Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The history of these two genocides remains tragically intertwined by the world's intransigence at the suffering of the victims while

the atrocities took place and the ongoing efforts of those who seek to deny what happened.

It is said that the trajectory from Armenia to Auschwitz was direct. It is said that when asked if the world would tolerate the "Final Solution" to annihilate the Jews, Hitler remarked "Who remembers the Armenians?"

We remember the Armenians. More than 1.5 million men, women and children systematically murdered, chased from their communities and in many cases marched to death. The suffering of the victims, the courage of the survivors, and the battle of their descendants to preserve this history deserves full recognition. Silence only inflicts more pain and leaves those who suffer to suffer alone. Silence encourages those willing to engage in genocide to believe their actions will be met with impunity.

Nearly 100 years later, we are still learning from this tragedy. The United States must embrace and encourage international recognition of the Armenian genocide not only for the peace of mind of those who suffered, but to reaffirm our commitment to preventing the genocides of the future.

Let us raise our voice so that the Armenian Genocide will be mourned and remembered for generations to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL PATRICK GOYNE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes, who is retiring from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

LTC Goynes was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice at the Pennsylvania State University. He then went on to earn his Master of Public Administration degree from Marywood University, and his Master of Science degree in Community Counseling from the University of Scranton. LTC Goynes has also attended many military schools, including Telecommunications Operator School, the Air Assault School, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, and Command and General Staff School.

LTC Goynes's non-active duty has taken him across Pennsylvania. While serving on active duty, LTC Goynes was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. For his second deployment, LTC Goynes served in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Goynes has earned the Bronze Star (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious

Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hour Glass, M Device and number 2 numeral), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (with number 3 numeral), the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Combat Action Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes has served our country with distinction. His 29 years of commitment to protecting our freedom should be honored and respected. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes for his service, and in recognizing his retirement from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

HONORING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valued institution that has been part of the fabric of life in Marin County for 75 years—the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

A nonpartisan organization of women and men with over 200 members, the Marin League has worked for many years to encourage informed participation of citizens in government, to increase the understanding of public issues, and to influence policy through education and advocacy.

Over the years the League has hosted hundreds of Pros and Cons presentations on ballot measures for the public, organized live, televised and webcast debates for almost every elected office in the county, sponsored voter registration drives in local high schools and colleges, and mailed thousands of postcards advising voters on how to evaluate negative candidate mailers. In addition, it has been involved in supporting local ballot measures and hosting guest speakers from a variety of organizations to help educate the public as well as continuing a tradition of monthly Action meetings.

The League has worked with local organizations dedicated to improving life in Marin

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